

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated May 19, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 9-22 are withdrawn in this application. Claims 1-8 are rejected to by the Examiner. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-22 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Publication No. 2000-111871 to Takabayashi et al. (hereinafter "Takabayashi"). Claims 2, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takabayashi in view of European Patent No. 875 880 to Uchida (hereinafter "Uchida"). Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takabayashi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,570,554 to Makino et al. (hereinafter "Makino").

Applicant amends claim 1. The rejection of claims 1-8 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-8 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "wherein said image signal processor decides the combination of the three color light sources at each subframe, and wherein the three color lights are selectively lit at each subframe". None of the cited references including Takabayashi and Uchida, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the

Amendment

Reply to Office Action dated May 19, 2005

filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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